

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 539

By Jenkins

A RESOLUTION to honor Eliza Smith for winning a national contest that will allow her to perform the national anthem at the opening ceremony of the National Cattleman's Beef Association Trade Show.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary young people who, through their natural talents and extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves in competitions and performances that bring honor to our State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable young person is Eliza Smith, an 8th grader at Adamsville Junior/Senior High School, who recently won a national contest to perform the national anthem at the opening ceremony of the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA) Trade Show to be held January 27 through January 30 in San Diego, California; she owns her own small herd of commercial beef cattle that her stepfather helps her tend; and

WHEREAS, through her considerable talents, Eliza has also secured appointments to perform at the Stars and Stripes USO show, the NCBA board meeting, and the Cowboy Concert featuring Martina McBride, in which she will be a special guest; and

WHEREAS, at just fourteen years of age, Eliza Smith already has an impressive collection of achievements: she is the president of the Adamsville Junior High Beta Club, a member of the Adamsville Junior High cheerleader squad, a member of the McNairy County 4-H, and an alto saxophonist in the Adamsville Junior/Senior High School Band. She was selected this year by her fellow students as "most talented" at Adamsville Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Eliza is a member of the First Baptist Church of Adamsville, where she is active in the church's youth group and is a member of the Adult Church Choir; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys putting her numerous skills to the test by competing in talent contests, already with several wins to her name; and

WHEREAS, notably active in her community, Eliza Smith is a regular performer of the national anthem at local benefits and sporting events; and

WHEREAS, she has fostered a love for entertaining since she was just a small child and specializes in singing gospel, country, and pop styles of music; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate this exemplary young person on her accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Eliza Smith upon her upcoming performance at the National Cattleman's Beef Association Trade Show in San Diego, California, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.